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This is the cough syrup and red flannel season.

States Attorney Frank A. Bailey of Washington county has just died out in Colorado, where he went a few days ago. Why is it that people put off seeking a change of climate until it is too late and only manage to get away from home in time to die in a strange place and surrounded by strangers.

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## ALEXANDRA IN PERIL

Fire in English Queen's Bedroom at Sandringham.

BURNING APARTMENT COLLAPSED.

Awakened by Miss Knollys, Her Majesty and the Secretary Escaped in Their Night Robes Not a Moment Too Soon.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Queen Alexandra narrowly escaped serious injury and possibly death by a fire at Sandringham palace which started in the bedroom of Miss Charlotte Knollys, lady of the bedchamber to the queen. It communicated in a few minutes to the adjoining apartment of Queen Alexandra, where she lay asleep.

Queen Alexandra had a very narrow escape. Miss Knollys was fortunately awakened by the smoke in her bedroom, which is immediately below the chamber occupied by her majesty. Miss Knollys rushed upstairs to the queen's apartment and aroused her majesty. Both the queen and her secretary, who were clad only in dressing gowns, escaped from the burning room not a moment too soon, as the floor of the



QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

queen's apartment collapsed almost immediately, carrying with it her majesty's bed. Only a few hundred pounds' damage was done by the fire, which was confined to the two bedrooms. It is now stated that the trouble originated in an imperfectly insulated electric light wire, which set fire to a beam between the ceiling of Miss Knollys' bedroom and the floor of her majesty's apartment.

The alarm raised by Miss Knollys soon brought the household fire brigade, which quickly began the work of extinguishing the fire. Sir Dighton Macnaghten Brobyn, keeper of the privy purse and extra equerry to the king, also speedily arrived and took charge of the operations. Queen Alexandra, who displayed the utmost composure, remained with Miss Knollys near the scene until she was assured that there was no further danger of the fire spreading.

An examination of the apartments shows that more damage was done by water than by fire. A large number of the queen's treasured knickknacks and some of her charming furniture were spoiled.

News of the fire was suppressed until the queen had entirely recovered from the shock.

King Edward was not in the palace, having returned to Buckingham when a large party that his majesty and the queen had been entertaining at Sandringham dispersed. The king was quickly notified of the fire, however, at Suffolk and of the queen's fortunate escape.

Miss Knollys, who faced peril to arouse the queen, is one of her majesty's most constant and intimate associates. On the queen's accession King Edward issued a special order conferring upon Miss Knollys the rank, status and precedence of a daughter of a baron in order that she might retain her post. She is therefore known as the Hon. Charlotte Knollys.

## Princeton's Unique Gift.

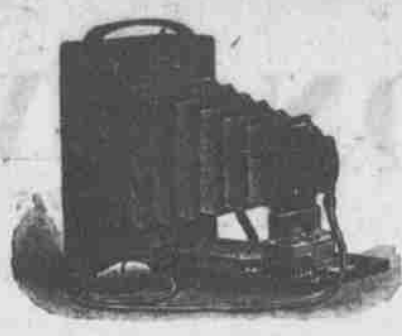
PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 11.—A unique gift was received by the trustees of Princeton university in the form of a union jack and a long pennant which at one time floated over the United States steamer Princeton. They were purchased by the personal contribution of the members of the crew and sent to Princeton, with a congratulatory letter. When the Princeton was commissioned in 1898 the crew was given a dinner by the Princeton club of Philadelphia. The flags will decorate the trophy room of the new gymnasium.

## Takes Only Biennial Bath.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Dr. John Dill Robertson, secretary of the American School of Medicine and Surgery, has declared that to bathe once every two years is sufficient and that bathing is responsible for the many ills of mankind. He bathes once every two years and considers that he keeps himself well cleansed. "When people leave off bathing there will be little or nothing for the doctors to do," said Dr. Robertson. "Pneumonia, colds and a hundred other ills result from the foolish habit of washing the body."

## Union Hatters Not Employed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Following the strike of 150 of its employees, members of the United Hatters' Union of North America, the Knox Hat company has retaliated by declaring in printed resolutions that never again will it employ a member of the hatters' union and that henceforth its factory will be conducted independent of union jurisdiction.



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## MANY INDICTMENTS.

Former Senator Lowe Charged With Bribery at Omaha.

RANCHMEN ILLEGALLY FENCED LANDS

Grand Jury Returned Twenty-two True Bills Against Prominent Cattle Magnates of Nebraska—The Foreman's Life Threatened.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 11.—The United States grand jury, which has been in session for some time investigating postoffice bribery cases and the alleged illegal fencing of government lands in western Nebraska, has made a report to the court, returning twenty-two indictments. One is against former Senator Elliott Lowe, charging bribery in connection with the appointment of a postmaster at Alma, Neb.; ten are against ranchmen for illegal fencing, and the others are Indian cases, mostly of a minor character.

Those against ranchmen include true bills against Bartlett Richards, president of the Nebraska Land and Feeding company; W. G. Comstock, vice president of the same company, and Secretary Charles C. Jameson, all of Ellsworth, Neb., and former State Senator Frank M. Currie, a large individual cattle owner of Broken Bow, Neb.

Each of the ten indictments in the land fencing cases contains three counts, and all are similarly drawn. They charge—first, the erection of a fence in violation of the law pertaining to government land; second, the maintenance of said fences, and third, the obstruction of passage across government lands.

Mrs. H. W. Benner of Fairbury, Neb., called on Francis E. White, foreman of the grand jury, and informed him that members of a fraternal order were planning to take his life. Mrs. Benner was taken to the office of United States Marshal Matthews and closely questioned, but did not relate the source of her information.

## NO WAR WITH GERMANY.

Army Officers Doubt That MacArthur Spoke as Reported.

HONOLULU, Dec. 11.—Major General MacArthur during a military conference here is reported to have said that in all probability war would take place between the United States and Germany in the near future, and this makes the Hawaiian national guard of national importance. The pan-Germanic doctrine is growing among German-Americans, few of whom volunteered in the war with Spain. He believes that German interests are growing to such an extent in South America that the strain upon the Monroe doctrine will eventually result in a conflict.

Referring to the statement attributed to him, Major General MacArthur says that the report does not correctly represent his views in any particular and utterly misrepresents them in some.

## Clearing House to Help Bank Out.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—The membership of the Baltimore Clearing House association has agreed to advance any necessary funds in the shape of certificates to tide over the financial affairs of the Commercial and Farmers' National bank of this city, a member of the Clearing House association. Bank Examiner W. A. Mason is in charge of the bank as a representative of the Clearing House association, and the resignation of Lawrence R. Kemp, president of the bank, has been tendered. The report of the clearing house committee, who have examined the books of the bank, will probably prevent a "run" on the bank today, and it is thought that its affairs will be adjusted satisfactorily to all concerned.

## Patrolman Welck Is Dead.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 11.—Patrolman Louis D. Welck, who was shot twice here, is dead at the hospital. Welck had arrested Guittana Pisciotto for creating a disturbance, when the latter whipped out a pistol and fired two shots into Welck's abdomen, inflicting fatal wounds. Even after having received the bullets into his body and while Pisciotto was running away Welck drew his own revolver and fired three times at his assailant before falling to the ground semiconscious.

## Butler Situation Improves.

BUTLER, Pa., Dec. 11.—Not a single death from typhoid fever or any other cause has occurred in Butler during the past twenty-four hours and only six new cases of fever, which is the best record for a single day during the past six weeks. This is the substance of the reports of the ward committeemen to the executive committee. The total number of cases to date reported to the committee is 1,300 and deaths fifty-one.

## Littleton For President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Martin W. Littleton, president elect of the borough of Brooklyn, has been referred to as a presidential probability by Supreme Court Judge Goodrich when he introduced him at a dinner given to Borough President Swanstrom in recognition of his services as borough president.

## Judge Lynch May Try Him.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Dec. 11.—Isaac Adkins, a negro, of Fishkill is in the Dutchess county jail on charges preferred by the father of Miss Cora Wallace, seventeen years old. Threats of lynching are loudly made.

## Victory For Boston Cabbies.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—The strike of cab drivers employed by the Boston Cab company has been declared off. The men will return to work today. The company made the concessions asked by the drivers.

## NO HOSTILE MOVE.

General Reyes' Orders to Colombian Army Are Being Obeyed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Cablegrams received by General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian minister, and by Dr. Herron, the Colombian charge, are pacific in tenor, and the officials of the Colombian legation are inclined to believe that the Colombian people are obeying the final instructions of General Reyes, their commander in chief, who, before leaving his country, is issued an order that no hostile move was to be made against the United States or Panama pending the completion of his mission.

Secretary Hay's illness has prevented a conference between the secretary and the Colombian minister this week, but upon Mr. Hay's return to the state department General Reyes expects to see him, and the chances are the general's mission will be concluded very soon thereafter.

General Reyes has cabled the Bogota government setting forth very explicitly the true situation here. He has not attempted in his advice to cloak the fact that there is no hope of prevailing on the United States to retrace its steps on the isthmus. The only possible result General Reyes could bring about here, as he has officially informed the Bogota government, would be the securing of satisfactory peace terms with the new republic.

Five additional battalions of marines will be recruited and held in readiness in case it is necessary to enlarge the marine force now in isthmian waters. In the event further reinforcements are sent the Yankee probably will be used to transport the additional marines.

General Reyes is preparing a statement of the position of Colombia in connection with the developments arising out of the declaration of the independence of Panama. This will be laid before the secretary of state at an early day and will serve as the basis of whatever claims Colombia hereafter may care to make. It is understood that Hon. Wayne MacVeagh has been engaged by the Colombians and will assist in the revision of the statement prepared by General Reyes and in the arguments which will be presented in behalf of the attitude of the Colombian government.

It is not likely that General Reyes will tarry long in Washington after the presentation of his statement to Secretary Hay, as he desires to return to his country as soon as possible.

## FLIER WRECKED.

Eastbound Panhandle Express Ran Off Open Switch.

STEEBENVILLE, O., Dec. 11.—Fifteen injured and one dead is the result of the wrecking of eastbound Panhandle flier No. 14 at New Cumberland Junction, Steubenville. The wreck was caused by an open defective switch. The flier plunged across a connecting track to the westbound track and crashed into a freight engine. Both engines were wrecked. The second mail car telescoped the combination smoker and baggage car. The injured were in this car. Only the front end of the forward mail car was smashed. The dead man and the injured were brought to Steubenville hospital.

The dead man is Frank A. LaSalle, an oil stock salesman, who lived at Indianapolis. He was caught when the mail car telescoped and instantly killed. The injured are: J. H. Slater, Indianapolis, left leg fractured; Eugene E. Hagan, Perth Amboy, N. J., bruised on head; William Lark, New York city, left leg hurt; Ellis Mills, Knightstown, Ind., cut on head; David M. Fisher, Lima, O., fracture of both legs and head bruised; O. A. Baker, Uhrichsville, O., fireman, back injured; Michael Woods, Dennison, O., engineer, internal injuries. Eight others received slight injuries.

## Lady Russell Gets Her Freedom.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Mabel, Lady Russell, attired in a flowing fawn colored ulster trimmed with ermine and wearing a hat of the same shade surrounded by an algarot, told in the divorce court here the story of her second marriage to William Brown, a groom, who posed as a nobleman, and obtained a decree nisi on the ground of her husband's cruelty and misconduct. No defense was offered.

## Admiral Gherardi Dead.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 11.—Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi is dead, aged seventy-one. He had been seriously ill since last Monday from an attack of nephritis, following a long illness from diabetes. He had lived here since his retirement from active service in the navy in 1894. His son, Lieutenant Walter Gherardi, U. S. N., stationed in Washington, was at his bedside during his fatal sickness.

## On Trip From Arctic Regions.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—The passengers and crew of the North German Lloyd steamship Hanover, which has just arrived here, were treated to a novel sight while off the Newfoundland banks, where a large iceberg was sighted, and on the great mountain of ice, perambulating about from cliff to cliff, were six large polar bears.

## Killed by New Haven Train.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 11.—Louis Murphy, fifty-five years old and married, came from behind some coal cars near Pittsburg, Mass., and was struck by a New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad train, dying twenty minutes later.

## Lumber Mill Destroyed.

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